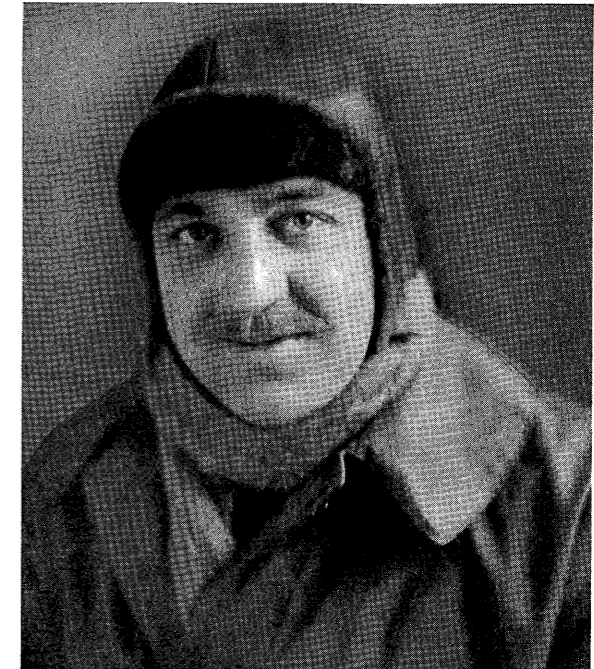


"regular" and Major Martin would be satisfied to have this service stand without comment, but it is due the man to testify here to his many fine qualities of loyalty and devotion to duty, which characterized his life and which this simple record of service and promotion so clearly indicates. His school life, short though it was, is a record of duty well done. His subsequent army life carried out the promise of his boyhood.



JOSEPH FREDERICK STILLMAN, JR.

1906-1911

JOSEPH FREDERICK STILLMAN, JR., was born in Brookline, Mass., on April 15th, 1892, and there spent the first five years of his life. In 1897 his family moved to Brooklyn, N. Y., where Fred's school days began at the Brooklyn Latin School. A further move in 1904 brought him to New York, and two years later he entered St. Paul's School.

Like the average new boy, his first year brought no particular distinction to him, though even then he gave evidence of the ability he later showed. Possessed of a good mind, he always stood well in his studies; a boy of leadership of the finest type, by the time he had reached the Fourth Form, he was already standing out among his companions.

It was in his athletics that Fred was prominent. His fine body and natural ability quickly brought him to the fore, and those who were with him at St. Paul's will remember his powerful game of football, his more than average hockey and above all, his oarsmanship. And it was not merely the fact that he could do these things better than others that gave him his place—there was an evident quality of leadership in him which was a part of his bearing. He was not a flaming captain, not a fiery leader of lost hopes, but quiet, cool, confident, with an insistence which did not have to be spoken to be obvious. All this combined made him a captain of his football team and captain of his crew and brought him at last to the highest crown of our School athletics, the Gordon Medal for the best all-round athlete. This is a mark not only of superiority in ability, but also of the highest sportsmanship and of fair play.

In his relation to his fellows was evident also the characteristic of leadership which made him excel in other ways. He was no seeker after distinction, rather he held a little aloof, but the fact that he stood for right things, and made it clear that he did, was enough to make others follow him. His whole career at St. Paul's was marked by quiet adherence to right principles.

It is natural that he should have continued his success at Yale, where he again made a fine name for himself. This he took with him into the world, where he, like so many of his age, had barely begun to work when the war broke out.

On June 28th, 1917, he enlisted in the Aviation Section of the Signal Corps, serving first at Columbus, Ohio. He showed a natural aptitude from the first and was accordingly sent abroad, on September 18th, 1917, as a member of the first aviation detachment. He began the completion of his training at Oxford, England, then went to Grantham

and finally to St. Alban's, always moving toward the front, which he was destined never to reach. On February 23rd, 1918, he died as the result of burns received in combat maneuvers two weeks earlier.

His life was, we may be sure, worthy of the training he received and an honor to his School and Country. The only member of the Form of 1911 to give up his life in the war, he is especially honored by them who knew him best, and untimely though his end, he must stand as a great example to those who come after.